



Holy Family Primary

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Term 1 Week 6

As a community, we acknowledge the Traditional Custodians of this land, the Darug People, and pay respects to Elders past and present, for they hold the memories, the traditions, the cultures and hopes of Aboriginal Australia.

Message from the Principal Greetings!

Welcome to Catholic Schools Week! I hope that you had the opportunity to be with us for our Catholic Schools Week Liturgy, Student Leaders Induction and our Open Classrooms. The children enjoy sharing their learning with you and you would have had the opportunity to see our refurbished playgrounds. The primary climbing area is almost finished.

The children have probably told you that we celebrated Shrove Tuesday (Pancake Day) and Ash Wednesday this week. Ash Wednesday marks the beginning of Lent - the church season for personal reflection and renewal. Catholics are invited to examine their relationship with God and those around them. We are invited to consider our shortcomings and to make some positive changes to our lives through acts of charity, prayer and repentance. I encourage you to talk with your children about the season of lent and what we can do for others.

Congratulations to our Year 5 and 6 students who participated in the Chatterbox Live event with Mr. Whitby the Executive Director of the Parramatta Diocesan Catholic Schools. Holy Family Emerton was invited to host this new initiative. The children were great ambassadors for our school. Thank you students and staff for a very successful presentation.

Best wishes for the week ahead.

John Spradbrow

STUDENT LEADERS FOR 2019

Student Leader Induction

Today at our closing Catholic School's Week Liturgy in the Hall at 9:00am, we had the Honourable Member for Londonderry Ms Prue Carr visiting to formally induct our Year 6 Leaders into their role. Ms Carr also joined us for Morning Tea following the liturgy and Open Classrooms.

School Captains 2019



Keith Alunday

Rayne Siega

Committee Members 2019



Lleyton Ritchie

Cecilia Lautuanuu

Christopher Leota



Susan Ayom

Kingston Tagivetaua

Ana Vave



The Learning Corner

Something for us to ponder...

Why Can't I Skip My Ten Minutes of Reading Tonight?
(Source Unknown)

Let's figure it out -- mathematically!

- ✓ Student A reads 10 minutes five nights of every week
- ✓ Student B reads only 4 minutes a night...or not at all!
- ✓ Step 1: Multiply minutes a night x 5 times each week.
- ✓ Student A reads 20 min. x 5 times a week = 50 mins./ week
- ✓ Student B reads 4 minutes x 5 times a week = 20 minutes
- ✓ Step 2: Multiply minutes a week x 4 weeks each month.
- ✓ Student A reads 200 minutes a month.
- ✓ Student B reads 80 minutes a month.
- ✓ Step 3: Multiply minutes a month x 9 months/school year
- ✓ Student A reads 1,800 min. in a school year.
- ✓ Student B reads 720 min. in a school year.
- ✓ Student A practices reading the equivalent of five whole school days a year.
- ✓ Student B gets the equivalent of only two school days of reading practice.
- ✓ By the end of 6th grade if Student A and Student B maintain these same reading habits, Student A will have read the equivalent of 30 whole school days
- ✓ Student B will have read the equivalent of only 12 school days.

One would expect the gap of information retained will have widened considerably and so, undoubtedly, will school performance. How do you think Student B will feel about him/herself as a student?

Some questions to ponder:

- ✓ Which student would you expect to read better?
- ✓ Which student would you expect to know more?
- ✓ Which student would you expect to write better?
- ✓ Which student would you expect to have a better vocabulary?
- ✓ Which student would you expect to be more successful in school....and in life?

Kind regards,

Mrs Alex Ali
Literacy Coordinator

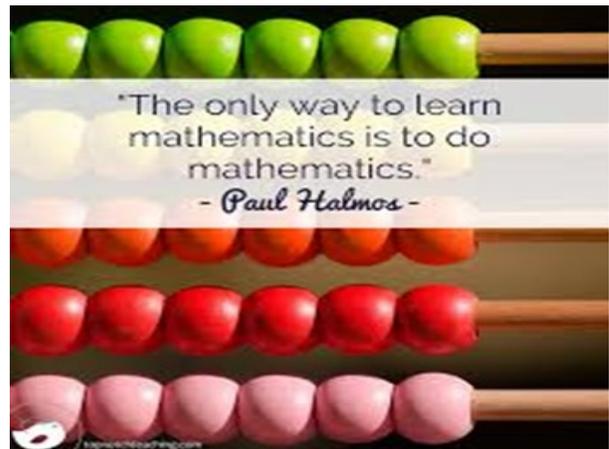


The Numeracy Spot

Thank you to all the students who have returned their permission slips to join us on Wednesday afternoons for **Maths Challenge Club**. If you would like your child to participate, there is still time to sign up before we start in Week 8 (Wednesday 20/3/19). Notes are available at the office.

Our Numeracy Goal for 2019 at Holy Family is...

For all learners to improve by a minimum of one years growth in reasoning and additive strategies by receiving, responding to and giving feedback.



Mrs Julianne Green
Numeracy Coordinator

Stay tuned...

Maths Challenge Club
20th March 2019



Chatterbox Live

On Thursday 28th February our Executive Director for Catholic Education, Diocese of Parramatta, Mr Greg Whitby, visited Holy Family Emerton to hold a live online video broadcast with our Year 5 & 6 students. The broadcast went out across the diocese to Stage 3 students at other schools.

Mr Whitby came to interview the students regarding what they thought about education in today's world. He posed the questions; *'What do you wonder about at school?'* and *'How can we make Education better?'*

Mr Whitby was very much excited and challenged about the questions the students asked regarding; Learning, Sport, Homework, Learning Hours (i.e 9am-3am), Bullying, Technology, Playgrounds and the like. The students welcomed Mr Whitby and his comments. They particularly enjoyed hearing his vision about schooling in the future.

Greg's visit showcased our school in a wonderful light. Greg commented on how well our students spoke and what a wonderful job our teachers and Mr Spradbrow are doing with the school.

I would personally like to thank the students and the teachers. Miriam from Year 6 interviewed Mr Whitby throughout the 40min broadcast. She did a wonderful job and made everyone at Holy Family proud, as did our other students who asked the live questions. Thank you to the teachers for their preparation of the children and their spaces, and a special thank you to the office staff for putting on a fabulous morning tea.

Mr Ben Oxley

Leader of Learning K-6



UPCOMING DATES FOR TERM 1

Wk	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Sat/Sunday
7	11 th  Basketball Clinic	12 th	13 th 	14 th	15 th  Basketball Clinic School Photo Day 	16 th /17 th
8	18 th  Basketball Clinic FUN RUN 	19 th	20 th	21 st	22 nd  Basketball Clinic	23 rd /24 th
9	25 th  Basketball Clinic	26 th	27 th	28 th	29 th  Basketball Clinic	30 th /31 st
10	1 st April  Basketball Clinic	2 nd	3 rd	4 th	5 th  Basketball Clinic	6 th /7 th
11	8 th  Basketball Clinic	9 th	10 th	11 th Easter Raffle 	12 th  Basketball Clinic LAST DAY OF TERM!! 	13 th /14 th 
H O L I D A Y	15 th	16 th	17 th	18 th	19 th GOOD FRIDAY	20 th /21 st EASTER 
SCHOOL HOLIDAYS						
H O L I D A Y	22 nd EASTER MONDAY	23 rd	24 th	25 th	26 th	27 th /28 th
SCHOOL HOLIDAYS						
T E R M 2	29 th STAFF DEVELOPMENT DAY No classes for students	30 th <u>RETURN TO SCHOOL</u> <u>TERM 2</u>	1 st May	2 nd	3 rd 2019 ATHLETICS CARNIVAL @ BLAIR OVAL ST MARYS 	4 th /5 th

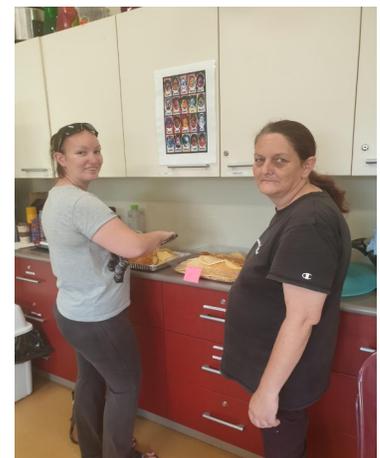
Year 5 Celebration of Learning—Student Awards



Shrove Tuesday—Pancake Day!!

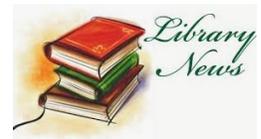
Pancake Day or Shrove Tuesday falls on the day before Ash Wednesday, which is the first day of Lent. Traditionally pancakes were eaten on Shrove Tuesday because it was a way to use up many of the ingredients people were not supposed to eat during Lent, including sugar, eggs, and milk.

Of course, Holy Family celebrated Shrove Tuesday with all of our students and teachers enjoying the wonderful pancakes made by a very talented group of people who made over 250 pancakes! Thank you so much to Mr Oxley as well as our parent helpers, Heather Vroomham, Tracey Miller, Jenny Bird, Jennifer Smith, and Melissa Fitzpatrick, who mixed, cooked, packed and served the pancakes to each class.



Library News

Gold Award Winners Premier's Reading Challenge



We had some 25 children who won the Gold Award from the NSW Premier, Gladys Berejiklian. This is very exciting news as these children were successful in finishing the Reading Challenge four years in a row!

Congratulations go to: Karina Tuuina, Alexis Munoz, Akuot Deng, Amira-Jordan Mano, Ane Sitani, Caleb Galea, Elliyana Kaivelata, Clairyse Attard, Emma Luatuanuu, Joshua Ursu, Joshus Tagivetaua, Jessie Kelly, Indianna Nowicki, Ethan Petarcic, Thomas Alefaio-Patu, Tahlia Acuesta-Lowe, Shay Punter, Shianne East, Serenity East, Rhys Phillips, Mavrix Tauasa, Luciano Tuimavave, Letoya Kaivelata, Kyle Eastwood and Kingston Tagivetaua.

Please note that several sets of siblings were lucky winners. All children received a Gold Award and a prize book. Well done children! Participating in the NSW Premier's Reading Challenge makes for excellent readers!

NSW Premier's Reading Challenge 2019

All students will be commencing this year's challenge in a few weeks and before the school holidays. Students in grades K-2 will be doing the whole Challenge in class with their teachers. Students in grades 3-6 will be doing the Challenge both independently and with teacher assistance in class. More information will come out in the next school newsletter.

Executive Director's Summer Reading Challenge

Congratulations go to Luciano Tuimavave 4DW who participated in this reading challenge competition over the Christmas holidays 2018-2019. Although Luciano did not win the challenge, as in most books read, he did receive a certificate and was able to choose a book as a prize. Well done, Luciano!

Overdue Library Books from 2018

A number of children have returned books that they borrowed at the end of last year however we are still waiting for some books to be returned. Please assist you child in looking and returning any books from last year.

Library Days for Student Borrowing 2019

Please be aware of your child's borrowing day. In this way you can assist your child in gathering any book to be returned the night before class borrowing!

Monday Kindergarten, Year 2 and Year 6
Tuesday Year 1
Wednesday Year 4
Thursday Year 3
Friday Year 5

Regards,
Mrs Janet Marie
Teacher—Librarian



YEAR 5 LEARNING

In year 5 we are learning how to be a good friend. A good friend is someone who cares and looks after you. We work as a team in Year 5 and we even have game time together. We are like a family.

Last week we we had our Year 5 celebration of Learning Assembly. We were very nervous and shy, but when the audience left we went BONKERS (which means we we were confident and VERY excited in sharing our learning).

In Year 5 we have amazing teachers.. Their names are Miss Crombie and Mrs Gilmour. They teach us the Holy Family values of respect, compassion, trust, forgiveness and responsibility.

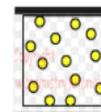
We are also learning about the parables. Parables give us a message. This also help us to be the face of Jesus and a good friend.

We laugh a lot in Year 5. That's a good thing don't you think?

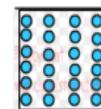
In Science we are doing PBL (Project Based Learning) we are making an online quiz on solids, liquids and gases. For a example..

Select which of the following is the atoms in a solid.

A



B



C



Matilda and Ashley (Year 5)

Holy Family School Disco/Picnic

Wednesday March 13

5.00pm - 6:30pm

Holy Family Primary School will hold our school disco Wednesday evening
March 13th.

Families are invited to bring a picnic and stay for the disco.

COST OF ENTRY INCLUDES DRINK

Entry: \$5 per child

Family Pass: 2+ children \$10

Items for Sale

Glow sticks – 50c

Flashing Spike Bracelet - \$ 2.50

Flashing Spike Ball Necklace - \$ 2.00

Flashing Alien Necklace - \$2.50

Flashing Polka Dot Bow Headband - \$3.00

Flashing Bunny Ear Headband with Sequin - \$ 3.00

Flashing Dreadlock Headband - \$3.50

Flashing Shuttersex Glasses - \$3.00

Flashing Disguise - \$2.00

Flashing Rings (Assorted) - \$2.00

Flashing Pearl Bead Necklace - \$2.00

Easter Raffle

Our Easter fundraiser for 2019 will be our raffle which will be held on **Thursday 11th April**. We kindly ask for donations of eggs and/ or baskets to help the parent volunteers make up Easter egg baskets.

Additional raffle books are available from the school office.



SCHOOL ZONE OFFENCES WHAT ARE YOU RISKING?*

FACT Children are small, harder to see, behave unpredictably and are extremely vulnerable. They need YOU to take extra care when driving and parking around school zones.

No Parking
No waiting. You have 2 minutes to drop-off or pick-up. You must stay within 3 metres of your vehicle.

PENALTIES FROM \$183 + 2 DEMERIT POINTS

No Stopping
You must not stop on a length of road with a No Stopping sign. The first 10m from an intersection is a no stopping zone. Yellow kerb lines are also No Stopping zones.

PENALTIES FROM \$330 + 2 DEMERIT POINTS

Bus Zone
Only a public bus can stop in a bus zone.

PENALTIES FROM \$330 + 2 DEMERIT POINTS

Mobile Phones
Extra fines apply for using mobile phones in a school zone.

PENALTIES FROM \$439 + 4 DEMERIT POINTS
May be subject to Double Demerits

Speeding Offences
40km/h is the limit. Children are vulnerable, so slow down in school zones.

PENALTIES FROM \$192 + 2 DEMERIT POINTS
May be subject to Double Demerits

Pedestrian Crossings

- In a queue of traffic, no part of your vehicle can stop on a pedestrian crossing.
- Do not let your child in or out of a vehicle at a pedestrian crossing as this is a No Stopping zone.

PENALTIES FROM \$439 + 2 DEMERIT POINTS

Driveways & Footpaths
Do not park on or across a driveway or footpath.

PENALTIES FROM \$330 + 2 DEMERIT POINTS

U turns
Illegal on or near a pedestrian crossing and across double white lines.

PENALTIES FROM \$330 + 3 DEMERIT POINTS

Double Parking
Double parking is illegal and is very dangerous in a school zone.

PENALTIES FROM \$330 + 2 DEMERIT POINTS

PENRITH CITY COUNCIL Macktown City Council
*Fines current as of March 2018. Fines and demerit points are subject to change. For more information check out the NSW Centre for Road Safety website.

Fun For All The Family!

Featuring

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- Children's Games
- A BBQ
- And so much more!

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**The Dutch Festival Times:
Friday 29th at 10am to Sunday 31st 4pm
March (The Last Full Weekend!)**

School Photo Day

Our school photo day will be held on **March 15**. You would have received an information package sent home this week.

Photos must be paid for before the event either online or by making payment in the envelope.

Envelopes with payment can be given to your child's teacher or the school office by March 14th.





Dates for your Diary

March	13	School Disco/Family Picnic—5—6:30 pm in the School Hall
	15	School Photos
	18	Fun Run



RE CORNER

Opening School Mass

Thank you to all the parents, relatives and friends who attending our Opening School Mass for 2018. It was a joyous occasion where we welcomed our youngest members of Holy Family, our Kindergarten students, our older students and their families new to our school and also, our new teachers. We hope that they will find love, friendship and support here at holy Family Primary School.

Ash Wednesday Liturgy

We celebrated the beginning of Lent this week with our Ash Wednesday Liturgy. Thank you to our parents who attended and the preschool who joined us.

This begins 40 days of preparing for the death and Resurrection of Jesus. We are encouraged to pray more often, fast by giving up something that is difficult and giving to others (alms giving)

Spend some time this Lent talking with your child/ren about ways that they can follow in the footsteps of Jesus and try to be more like him.

Regards,

Mrs. Cathy Vogt
Religious Co-ordinator

